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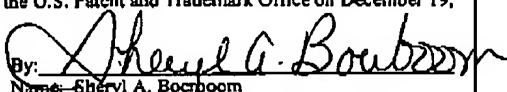
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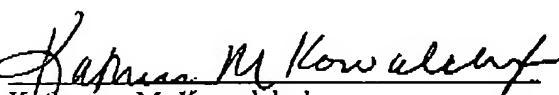
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, said period of response being extended from November 25, 2006 to December 25, 2006.

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